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10-franc note: banknote app updated

Discover all of the new Swiss notes on mobile devices

The Swiss National Bank (SNB) is releasing an updated version of ‘Swiss Banknotes’, an app for mobile devices designed to help the public familiarise themselves with the new banknotes. The popular app, which has been downloaded over 70,000 times, now also showcases the new 10-franc note. It can be downloaded free of charge from the Apple (itunes.apple.com) and Google Play (play.google.com) app stores. Anyone who has already downloaded the software can update it via the relevant app store. The app explains in an engaging way key information on the security features and interesting details about the design.

‘Swiss Banknotes’ is an augmented reality app which operates with the camera of a smartphone or tablet. When the device’s camera is positioned over a new 10, 20 or 50-franc note, the app displays the note’s various security features and design elements. It is also possible to enlarge the individual features or watch a short video clip. Although the app helps users to explore the new banknotes, it cannot be used to test if a note is genuine.

The app can be run on either the iOS (Apple) or Android (Google) operating system and is available in both smartphone and tablet versions (Apple: iPhone 4S or newer and for iPad; Google: for high-performance devices running Android 4.1 or later). It is available in English, French, German and Italian.

The SNB began launching its ninth banknote series on 6 April 2016. Issuance of the new 10-franc note presented a week ago begins today, 18 October 2017. The next denomination, the 200-franc note, will enter circulation in autumn 2018 and the two remaining notes will follow in the course of 2019. All notes from the eighth banknote series will remain legal tender until further notice.

Further information on Swiss banknotes can be found on the SNB’s website, under *Banknotes and coins* (www.snb.ch). The following short video gives users a taste of what the app can do: (www.youtube.com).

